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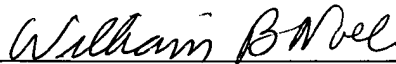
Amend claims 1, 2 and 4 - 10 as shown on the attached clean copy of the claims, and marked up copy of the claims, where said attached sheets form a part of this submission.

#### REMARKS

It will be noted that Applicants have duly filed an executed Declaration and Assignment, mailed to the USPTO on or about December 10, 2001. Accordingly, objection to the defective declaration has been removed.

Further to this amendment, Applicants hereby submit formal drawings containing Figures 1 - 3. With this amendment and filing of formal drawings, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Applicants

  
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Encl: Clean copy of claims  
Marked up copy of claims  
2 sheets of formal drawings

